

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 21, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 300.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Isaac H. Randall, have had the same under consideration, and report :

That petitioner was enlisted or rated an acting master's mate on board the United States ship Vandalia, one of the vessels composing the East India, China seas, and Japan expedition, under Commodore Perry; that upon the arrival of the squadron at Loo Choo, he was detailed by his commander for duty on shore, and subsequently was directed by Commodore Perry to remain at that place, with another acting master's mate, seven of the crews of the vessels of the squadron, a lad as attendant, and one sick man, and provided with provisions for the party for six months, to discharge the duties specified in the following letter and memorandum of appointment and instructions from the commander-in-chief of the squadron :

U. S. STEAM FRIGATE SUSQUEHANNA,
Napa, Loo-Choo, February 2, 1854.

SIR: As Commander Pope selected you to take charge of the depot of the Japan squadron, established at this place, and informed me that you had conducted your charge to his satisfaction, and that you were a person in whom the utmost confidence could be placed, I have determined to continue you in the same responsible employment until the return of the squadron to this port.

Mr. Bierbower, master's mate, a young man highly recommended to me, and seven of the crews of several vessels of the squadron, together with a lad, as attendant, and one sick man, will be left with you, with six months' provisions, and a suitable number of arms and munitions; as also a boat completely equipped, in which you can board vessels arriving at the port, but I have to direct that she be not used for fishing, or for excursions of pleasure or convenience. She is to be kept with oars, sails, &c., always in readiness for important occasions.

I desire that you pursue all possible means of preserving friendly terms with the authorities and people of Loo-Choo, the authorities having assured me that they will do all they can to render you and your party comfortable, by ordering such supplies as you may need,

and the Rev. Dr. Bettelheim, resident missionary and physician has volunteered to render you all needful medical services; and I particularly enjoin upon the men left with you the most circumspect conduct in their intercourse with the natives.

All violations of the regulations of the service committed by any of these men will be severely punished on my return to the island.

During my absence yourself and Mr. Bierbower will endeavor to arrange a vocabulary of Loo-Choo and English words, and to collect every possible information touching the history, manners, and customs of the people of these islands. You will also make collections, of minerals, shells, plants, and animals, if you have the means of doing so; and, to prevent the exposure of your boat to injury, you are authorized to purchase or hire a canoe such as the fishermen use.

The purser of the flag-ship will advance you any reasonable amount of money for the payment of the contingent expenses of your party, for the proper expenditure of which you will be held accountable.

Again admonishing you of the necessity of extreme prudence and discretion in your intercourse with the authorities and people of the islands, I am, sir, your obedient servant,

M. C. PERRY,
*Commander-in-chief of the U. S. Naval Service,
East India, China, and Japan Seas.*

Master's Mate ISAAC H. RANDALL,
Napa, Loo-Choo.

Memorandum for Mr. Randall.

UNITED STATES FLAG SHIP SUSQUEHANNA,
Napa Keang, Loo-Choo, February 4, 1854.

The boat to be kept under the shed on rollers ready for launching.

The flag need only be hoisted when a vessel of war or merchant vessel arrives and sails; not during their whole stay.

Endeavor to induce the men to cultivate a piece of ground, which you can obtain, and particularly, to raise Irish potatoes; they should be planted at once.

The package for California will be put on board the ship expected to arrive here every day with Mr. Moretan.

Do not allow the men to contract any debts.

I send you a variety of American seeds, and you will make every effort to cause their introduction into this island, by carefully cultivating them with the men under your charge.

Also, use every vigilance in collecting seeds, *in their proper season, of every description*, the products of the island, to be sent to the United States.

Mark upon the envelopes the native names, and note the proper season of planting and harvesting.

Note the meteorological observations every *six* hours; an instrument and note books will be left for the purpose.

M. C. PERRY,
*Commander-in-chief United States Naval Forces,
East India, China, and Japan Seas.*

That on the 3d day of April, 1855, petitioner received the following appointment and order from Commodore Abbot :

U. S. FLAG-SHIP MACEDONIAN,
Hong Kong, April 3, 1855.

SIR: You are hereby appointed acting master of the United States ship John P. Kennedy, subject to the approval of the honorable Secretary of the Navy.

You will report for duty on board that ship.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOEL ABBOT,

Commanding U. S. East Indian Squadron.

Acting Master ISAAC H. RANDALL,
U. S. Ship Vandalia, Hong Kong.

And on the 31st October, of the same year, the following :

U. S. FLAG-SHIP MACEDONIAN,
Hong Kong, October 31, 1855.

SIR: In compliance with your request you are hereby detached from the United States ship John P. Kennedy, and will report to Captain William J. McCluney for such duty as he may assign to you in the ship under his command.

Your appointment as acting master, made subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, not being sanctioned by him, is hereby revoked.

Wishing you a safe return to your family and friends, I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOEL ABBOT,

Com'g. U. S. Squadron, East India and China Seas.

Mr. I. H. RANDALL,
Acting Master's Mate, U. S. Navy.

The petitioner claims for the service at Loo Choo during a period of about eight months, the difference of pay between that of the wages of acting master's mate, viz: \$25 a month, and the salary of a regularly commissioned naval storekeeper, viz: \$1,500 a year. He also claims for the time of the acting mastership under the appointment of Commodore Abbot the difference between his wages as acting master's mate and the salary of a "master in the line of promotion" in the navy, viz: \$1,000 a year.

This case, having been referred to the Navy Department for information by your committee, and the following reply received:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *February 24, 1860.*

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith the petition and papers of Mr. I. H. Randall, which accompanied your letter of the 21st instant, and to state that the department has no knowledge of the facts stated in the petition, except in regard to the appointment of acting master, which the department disapproved, because Mr. Randall was not a

warrant officer, nor even appointed acting master's mate by the department. There is nothing on its records to show that he was appointed or acted as storekeeper, or gave bonds or rendered any account as such.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

ISAAC TOUCEY.

Hon. S. R. MALLORY,

Chairman Committee on Naval Affairs
United States Senate.

After a careful examination of all the facts, your committee are disposed to recommend the allowance of three dollars a day to petitioner for the time he acted at Loo Choo upon detached duty, deducting therefrom the amount he received during the time as acting master's mate; and for this they report the accompanying bill, with a recommendation for its passage.